



**The Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth exists to provide leadership in developing community-wide strategies that enhance the well-being of children and youth in Coconino County.**

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## CCC&Y 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name:

Anne Dunno

Office:

FUSD School Board

1. What do you think the two most pressing issues are for youth and their families?

The two most pressing issues are access to robust comprehensive public education and quality health care, including mental behavioral health. Both education and health care systems must work together for the development of the whole child.

2. What do you believe the role of elected officials is in their communities when it comes to serving and advocating for children and youth?

Elected officials have a duty to serve the public, but they should also have a passion to protect the interests of those without a voice or a vote. Elected officials can face weighty complex and controversial issues, but should always ask, "How will my decision impact the most vulnerable populations?"

3. Within the duties of your elected office, how can you support the children and families of our community? If elected, how will this be expressed in your agenda?

Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) has a powerful role in making Flagstaff a great place to live and raise a family. As school board member, I will serve as a bridge between the community and the school district. My key focus will be to champion effective communication and outreach at all levels to increase parent and community engagement.

4. How would you, as an elected official, support an equitable school system for ALL students, cradle to career? As 90% of human brain development happens by age 5, please additionally share your thoughts on early childhood education and its role in the educational system.

As a school board member, I will work with fellow board members and District officials to advocate for FUSD priorities including key legislation for public education funding with our LD6 state legislators. Families should have access to early childhood enrichment programs that are affordable and within proximity to home. FUSD, with assistance of federal funding, provides several pre-school programs. Community services such as libraries, recreation programs and public parks can also enhance quality of life for families and healthy childhood development.

5. As childhood abuse, neglect and foster care continue to be major issues in Arizona, what prevention and trauma response strategies do you support for our child welfare system, the Department of Child Safety and/or our local communities? How would you propose using local, state and federal funds to improve outcomes for youth experiencing foster care or additionally, work toward prevention of child abuse in our communities?

Teachers are often the “first responders” to a child in crisis. A primary response strategy should be to provide teachers basic training to identify signs of abuse, neglect, bullying or other social challenges and then outline steps to connect the child with social service network. For funding to improve outcomes for youth in foster care, as School Board member, I recommend exploration of a coalition approach to find grant funding opportunities that leverage funds from different partners with same end goal.

6. Lastly, please feel free to share any further information with voters.

For more about my background and interest in School Board, please check out my full candidate statement posted to Coconino County Superintendent of Schools website:

<http://www.coconino.az.gov/2064/2018-FUSD-Candidate-Statements>

I welcome questions and comments. Email: [AnneDunnoforFUSD@gmail.com](mailto:AnneDunnoforFUSD@gmail.com).

Thank you.

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